



Miami-Dade Parks January 2005 Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, 1

In the Spirit of the Holidays

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday. Thru January 7. An exhibition celebrating the traditions of the holidays. The Roxcy O'Neal Bolton Women's History Gallery at The Women's Park 10251 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.480.1717

Mountain Bike Trails

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Deering Historic Tours

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 450-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

Dog Park

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Art Expressions at Tropical Park

Free. Thru January 14. Sculptures by local and international artists grace the Lakeside Pavilion. Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.223.8710

Art Expressions at Matheson Hammock Park

Free. \$4 parking fee. Thru January 14. Sculptures by local artists will grace the entrance of the park. Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Rd., Miami, 305.665.5475

Natural Areas Tours

Daily. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. On the half-mile boardwalk tour, you'll learn of our unique ecosystem. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Skate Park

3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 12-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3 for two-hour session; \$5 for two-hour session and safety equipment. Skate Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Farm Village

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturdays and Sundays for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Amusement Center

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails.

Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305.361.5421

Batting Cages

Monday-Friday, 2-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$5 three rounds; \$10 seven rounds. Bats, helmets supplied at Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami. Call 305.559.5200 for reservations. Sundays, 9-11 a.m. at Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305.932.2164. \$5 for 15 minutes; \$25 for an hour.

Offerings Exhibit

7-10 p.m. Free. Thru January 14. Venezuelan artist Onofre Frias' exhibit, "Offerings," a mix media exhibit inspired by African religions and their forms of offerings. The Gallery at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 2166 NW Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Miami, 305.638.6771, ext. 106

Animals in Art

10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Included with zoo admission: \$11.50 adults; \$6.75 ages 3-12. Thru January 7. The 43rd Annual Exhibit of the Society of Animal Artists features domestic and wild animals in art. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.251.0400

Arch Creek Trail Tour

10-11:30 a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the pioneers of North Miami once lived and the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305.944.6111 one day in advance for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

Crandon Park's Canoe Adventure

8-10 a.m., Saturdays; 3-5 p.m., Sundays. \$40 adults, \$25 for Miami-Dade County residents; \$15 ages 14 and younger. This Naturalist-led canoe trip explores the forgotten and secret part of Key Biscayne. Discover the endless mangrove forest where great blue herons, iguanas and spotted eagle rays lurk. This 3-mile round trip is rated easy to moderate. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Crandon Park's Kayak and Snorkel Excursion

9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. \$50. \$35 for Miami-Dade County residents. Kayak along the beautiful crystal clear waters of Key Biscayne. Patch reefs, grass flats, and sand bars will be your back drop as you snorkel and catch a fish-eye view of eagle rays, nurse sharks, cushion stars and tropical fish. This trip is rated easy to moderate and is a great introduction to snorkeling for beginners. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Guided Historical Nature Walk

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Firearm Safety

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

NRA First Steps Course

10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour

and \$3 for children. Paddle boats are \$5 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305.948.2891

Water Bicycles and Kayak Rentals

\$10 per half hour. Saturdays and Sundays. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389 and Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami. Call 305.495.4637 for reservations at Tropical.

Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25; \$15 ages 14 and younger. Saturdays. Take a ride along one of Florida's most historic and beautiful rivers. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Bring binoculars. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach, 305.944.6111.

Goal Ball

3-5 p.m. on Fridays; 11 a.m-1 p.m. on Saturdays. Free. A sport for individuals ages 16 and older with visual impairments. Call Helen Barnfather at 305.945.3425 for more information. Fridays games held at A.D. Barnes Park Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami and Saturdays games at Palm Springs North Pool, 7901 NW 176 St., Miami.

SUNDAY, 2

Chicken Key Canoe Tour

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

TUESDAY, 4

Yoga Classes

6-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays; 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays. \$60 for a six-week session. Yoga taught by Marlene Shulman. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

WEDNESDAY, 5

Arch Creek Ghost Tours

7:30-9 p.m. \$5. Wednesdays. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

THURSDAY, 6

Deering Night Hike

7-9 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a moonlit guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

FRIDAY, 7

Leon Russell in Concert

Gates open 7 p.m. 8:00 p.m. concert. \$30. A master of jazz, blues, R&B, pop and country, Leon Russell along with his band will perform live at Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727.

Fun on Friday

6:30-10:30p.m. \$40/month. Also, January 21. Evening program for adults with disabilities. Activities may include sporting events, dinner, movies, shopping and more. Call Helen Barnfather at 305.945.3425 for more information. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

SATURDAY, 8**28th Annual Redland Natural Art Festival**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$5 adults; free for ages 12 and younger. Arts, crafts, plants, entertainment, a children's corner and great food are all part of this Redland celebration. Relax on the lawn among the trees while listening to James Kelly Irish fiddling and the Barber Shop Quartette. For the children, there will be a puppet show, live animals and a butterfly display. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

Paul Bunyan

7 p.m. \$19-\$150. Other dates and times: January 11, 14 & 22 at 8 p.m.; January 16 at 2 p.m. This Benjamin Britten opera about the world greatest logger is a musically wonderful piece of work not to be missed. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

Saturday Morning Camp: Drop-n-Shop

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children: \$11 three children. Saturdays. Parents, you can do your shopping while your child is supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305.932.2164

Jazz and Poetry by Candlelight

7:30-10:30 p.m. The evening features open mike poetry, music, dance and drama skits. Call Renee Ransom at 786.317.2436 for more information. The Gallery at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 2166 NW Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Miami, 305.638.6771, ext. 106

Paso Fino Horse Show

9 a.m.-11 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

Kendall Indian Hammocks Park Volunteer Workday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings or picking up trash. Call 305.257.0933 for more information. Kendall Indian Hammocks Park, 11345 SW 79 St., Miami

Bird Walk

7:30-10 a.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Come learn about local and migrating birds at Deering. Explore various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous bird species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Back Country Fishing Workshop

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$15. Naturalist and avid fisherman Roger Hammer is offering this workshop that will sharpen your skills when fishing the shallow backcountry waters of south Florida for such popular fish as snook, redfish, tarpon, and sea trout. Fishing techniques, bait and tackle, moon phases, tides, fishing seasons, and other expert advice will be discussed. Call 305.242.7688 for reservations. Castellow Hammock, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Homestead

Birding by Bike at Miami Metrozoo

8-10 a.m. \$25 - includes bike and helmet rental and bottled water. \$20 - ride your own bike. Join the naturalists from Castellow Hammock Park on this leisurely paced bike ride through endangered pine rockland habitat to view native birds and plants. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet at Larry and Penny Thompson Park, 12451 SW 184 St., Miami.

SUNDAY, 9

Canoe Workshop

1-4 p.m. \$20 adults; \$15 ages 14 and under. Learn the fundamentals of canoeing, including basic strokes, steering and safety skills. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami, 305.255.4767

MONDAY, 10

Magic City Monday: Talent Fit for a King

10:30 a.m. \$3. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., 305.636.2350

TUESDAY, 11

Camp Owaissa Bauer Owl Walk and Campfire

7-9 p.m. \$10. Bring the family for a guided night hike through a tropical hardwood hammock. See what creatures go bump in the night as we look for Ogrefaced spiders, Nighthawks, Black Witch Moths and the Eastern Screech Owl. Afterwards, join us around the campfire for a marshmallow roast. Call 305.242.7688 to register. Camp Owaissa Bauer, 17001 SW 264 St., Homestead

FRIDAY, 14

South Florida Before Trains, Planes and Automobiles

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with early drop off and late pick up available. \$20, with 10% sibling discount. Ages 6-14. Come join our staff for a fun day learning about early South Florida inhabitants, playing games, and creating a craft. Call 305.255.4767 to register. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

SATURDAY, 15

Anthem Suite

7 p.m. Call box office for ticket cost. This theater production uses a select montage of historical photographs as a backdrop to songs, poetry, speeches and dance of past eras. Anthem Suite creates a feeling of the 19th century cultural influences that inspired "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

Butterfly Walks

2-3:30 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Designed for beginners and experts, this walk will explore various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

WHAF Horse Show

8 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

SUNDAY, 16

Redland Historic Bike Hike

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25 includes bike; \$20 with own bike. Join this leisurely-paced, 12-mile bike hike through the Redland with a stopover at Redland Fruit & Spice Park. Call 305.242.7688 for reservations. Castellow Hammock, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Homestead

MONDAY, 17

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade

10 a.m. The Miami-Dade community honors the late civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade route runs along NW 54 St. from 10 Ave. to 32 Ave. Celebration includes music, food, and vendors from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park, 6160 NW 32 Ct., Miami, 305.633.4066.

THURSDAY, 20

Afternoon Tea at Fairchild

3 p.m. \$35. Enjoy tea in the Ballroom. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3391 for reservations. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

FRIDAY, 21

Family Campfire and Night Walk

7-9:30 p.m. \$5. Also, January 28. Park naturalists will teach you about scary nighttime critters and then search for them on the trail after dark. Afterwards, enjoy a campfire with marshmallow roast and star viewing. Call 305.255.4767 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

SATURDAY, 22

“Last Colonies of the Americas” Map Exhibit and Lecture

2 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Claude Alix will give a lecture on rare and historical maps. Exhibit on display thru April 16. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 233

The Nelson Collection

2 p.m. \$5 adults; \$3 children. Jonathan Nelson will present and detail his amazing personal collection of railroad memorabilia. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.253.0063

Deering Estate Volunteer Workday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings or picking up trash. Call 305.257.0933 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Chapman Field Canoe Trip

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25.00/person – includes canoe, paddle and life vest. Join the naturalists from Castellow Hammock on this leisurely paced canoe trip through scenic mangrove creeks and along the shore of Biscayne Bay. This area is inhabited by a variety of birds and sea life including River Otters and Spotted Stingray. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Meet at Champan Field, 13601 Old Cutler Rd., Miami.

MONDAY, 24

Karen Frey Watercolor Exhibit Opening

7-9 p.m. Free with admission: \$10 adults; \$5 ages 3-12. Enjoy beautiful watercolors of hula palms and other tropical beauties. Exhibit runs thru February 28, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Gallery Building at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami, 305.667.1651

TUESDAY, 25

Moonlight Canoe Excursion

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

WEDNESDAY, 26**Children's Art Classes**

3:30-5:30 p.m. \$70 plus a \$10 craft fee. Wednesdays thru March 2. This is a multimedia art class with nature as our inspiration for children 6-12 yrs. The session ends with a campfire and art show for parents and students. Call 305.255.4767 to register. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

FRIDAY, 28**Jerry Seinfeld**

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. \$47-\$77. One of America's funniest comedians comes to Miami. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

SATURDAY, 29**Venezuelan Singing Sensations**

8 p.m. \$40-\$65. Cavalcade of Venezuelan pop stars from 1970's and 1980's. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

Tai Chi Classes

10:30 a.m. \$60 for a six-week session. Saturdays. Classes taught by Jeffrey Morris. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

SUNDAY, 30**Sociedad Pro Arte Grateli**

3 p.m. \$12-\$35. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

Bill Sadowski Park to Coral Reef Park Sunset Canoe Tour

1-4 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children under age 14. Take a leisurely paddle to Coral Reef Park in search of wildlife, have a rest and a snack, and then head back to the park in time to enjoy a beautiful sunset and flocks of ibis heading to roost. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami